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1. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) high command has prepared a military plan which covers the period of July-October 1952 and is called "the first step of the Red Army of Vietnam".
2. The plan consists of a coordinated attack by all DRV units against a triangular area around Hanoi with the cities of Haiduong (106-19, 20-56), Ninh Binh (105-58, 20-15) and Vinh Yen-Phuc Yen as the limits of the triangle. The operation will begin with pressure against the entire northern front from Son Tay and Phu Tho east to Bac Ninh (106-03, 21-11) and Bac Giang. The DRV hopes to engage and pin down the French-Vietnamese forces.
3. The 308 and 316 Divisions will begin the action. Later the 320 Division, whose headquarters are at Kinh Mon (northeast of Haiduong), will begin general attacks in the vicinity of Haiduong; and the 304 Division, whose headquarters are at Phu Cu (105-44, 19-22), will become active in the vicinity of Phu Nho Quan (105-45, 20-19) and Ninh Binh. If the 320 Division is overwhelmed by the French-Vietnamese counter action in the vicinity of Haiduong, it will withdraw with the Ha Nam-Ninh Binh regional battalion to Hung Yen (106-03, 20-39). Later the 320 Division will move out of the Delta to Hoa Binh via Ninh Binh and Phu Nho Quan.
4. The primary aim of the whole operation is to collect paddy from the last harvest and increase DRV control in Interzone III. Vo Nguyen Giap will direct the operation, although rumors in North Vietnam indicate that Nguyen Son¹ has assumed command of the DRV forces. Giap's headquarters are now in the vicinity of Tam Dao Mountain (105-38, 21-27).

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1. Comment. Nguyen Son has been described as an advocate of Chinese Communist intervention in Indochina and as an opponent of such aid . The most recent information on Son indicates that Son is a co-commander of the Lien Quan Bien Canh the alleged Sino-Vietnamese Border Army.

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